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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8081

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJECT VIP TRAVEL: REMAINS OF DR. JOHN AKAR

1. DR. JOHN AKAR DIED IN JAMAICA EARLY THIS WEEK FROM A HEART ATTACK. ADDRESSES WILL RECOGNIZE HIM AS A PROMINENT AFRICAN JOURNALIST, BROADCASTER, AND CULTURAL FIGURE. HE WAS ALSO A FORMER AMBASSADOR SIERRA LEONE IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS SIERRA LEONE'S HIGH COMMISSIONER IN JAMAICA AND OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES. MRS. AKAR LEAVES JAMAICA JUNE 27 WITH HER HUSBAND'S BODY, ARRIVING IN FREETOWN JUNE 28. MRS. AKAR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. BRADMAN BENKA-COKER, ANOTHER SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL RESIDENT IN JAMAICA. THEY WILL TRANSIT NEW YORK AND MONROVIA EN ROUTE TO FREETOWN. COMPLETE ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:)

LEAVE KINGSTON JUN 27, 10:45 AM , PAA 224;

ARRIVE JFK NEW YORK 2:30 PM

LEAVE JFK JUNE 27, 7 PM VIA PAA 188

ARRIVE MONROVIA JUNE 28, 8:10 AM

LEAVE MONROVIA JUNE 28, 3:15 PM VIA GH 546

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ARRIVE FREETOWN 4:15 PM

2. DR. AKAR HAD NO DIRECT ASSOCIATION OR CONNECTION WITH THE USG BUT HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND TO THE UNITED STATES AND THIS EMBASSY. ANYTHING ADDRESSES CAN DO TO FACILITATE MRS. AKAR'S JOURNEY WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT: ITINERY CALLS FOR A FOUR-HOUR LAYOVER AT JFK IN NEW YORK AND MRS. AKAR CONCERNED ABOUT DIFFICULTIES THERE. WE ARE ALERTING PANAM BUT DEPARTMENT MIGHT CHECK WITH PANAM AT JFK AND ALSO ALERT CUSTOMS AND USPHS. GERARD

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